



YOWAMUSHI SHI

PEORAL



WATARU WATANABE

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WATANABE**

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STORY & CHARACTER INTRODUCTION

This 1000-kilometer training camp ride to determine the members of Sohoku's Inter-High team has ended. Despite completing the course, Sakamichi had given up hope of competing in the Inter-High due to his lack of bicycling experience, technical skill, and general know-how compared to the other members. However, team captain Kinjou judges Sakamichi's "ability to accomplish the unexpected" as a worthy trait to bring to the race and officially makes him a member of the Sohoku Inter-High team. The pressure of living up to the team jersey seems to be too much for Sakamichi at first, but Kinjou explains to him that what truly makes an "ultimate team" is its members' ability to support one another. This reminds Sakamichi of what he is capable of doing for his team, thus reassuring him. With a unified front, Sohoku looks toward the Inter-High, ready to compete!

As they make their preparations, Kinjou thinks back to the previous summer's Inter-High, when he had battled one-on-one against Fukutomi of Hikone Academy. The fateful incident that occurred between them that day is finally coming to light...

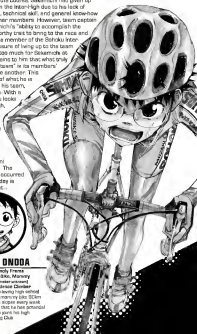


SAKAMICHI ONODA

Preferred Bike: Chromoly Frame
Road Bike, Marney
Bike (personalized)

Cycling Style: High Cadence Climber

Sakamichi is an extremely high school student who rides his Marney bike 50km round trip up extreme slopes every week to visit Akiba. Hearing that he has potential as a cyclist, Sakamichi joins his high school's Bicycle Racing Club.





SANGAKU MANAMI

Preferred Bike: **SCOTT** (pursuit)

Cycling Style: **Climber**

A freestyler from Hokkaido Academy who met Sakamichi on the holy roads of life. However, he loves life so much, he smiles while standing there.

WAKES WAKES! CYCLING CLUB

**CAPTAIN
FURUTOMI**



SHUNICHI NANAKO

Preferred Bike: **PINARELLO** (pursuit)

Cycling Style: **Sprinter**

A cyclist from Kansei who has freckles on his red hair. He is nicknamed "the Sprinter of Kansei".



MIKI KANEKO

MIKI is extremely passionate about bicycles and is a lot of a cycling master!

TADAKO



WAKESHIMA

TOSHIMA



WAKES WAKES! CYCLING CLUB (HAWK EYE)

**CAPTAIN
KINJO**



AOYAGI

SHUNSUKE IMAIZUMI

Preferred Bike: **SCOTT** (JBM)

Cycling Style: **All-rounder**

Known as the world's fastest cyclist, Imaizumi's victory continues his daily training. His interest was sparked by Sakamichi after their climbing race up the Pearl Gate Stages.



their climbing race up the Pearl Gate Stages

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RIDE.70 CRUSHING DEFEAT



SPIN! SHARP CURVE AHEAD







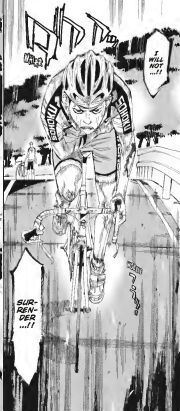
And Hakone Academy takes first, second, and third place to sweep the race!!

The 110km Second Stage of Inter-High Day Two was dominated by Hakone Academy!! Their top riders broke away from the peloton to take home individual victories!

Wow, what a strong showing from Hakone Academy!

ARRIVEE

RIDE 70 CRUSHING DEFEAT



I WILL NOT
...!!

SUR-
REN-
DER
...!!





SHOUNEN SHOUNEN SHOUNEN SHOUNEN SHOUNEN







...AND
MADE
HIM
CRASH.

I
GRABBED
HIS
JERSEY...



I'M
SORRY.









THAT
DOESN'T
CHANGE
ANY-
THING
!!



YOU'LL
PULL A DIRTY
TRICK WHEN
NO ONE'S
LOOKING—
IS THAT IT?

YOU
MOTOR
ACADEMY
GAYS—
YOU'LL DO
ANYTHING
IF IT
MEANS
WINNING?

IS
THIS
HOW
YOU
GAYS
DO
THINGS?
!!



WE
...

WE
...



DON'T
YOU
GET
THAT
WE
WERE
HAVING
A REAL
RACE
HERE??



DON'T
YOU HAVE
ANY
RESPECT
FOR
CYCLING
...?



WE'RE
NOT
BLESSED
LIKE
HAKONE
ACADEMY

...ONLY
HAVE
ONE
ACE!!



...WE'LL
CHANGE
TODAY'S
RESULTS.

THAT'S
ENOUGH,
TADO-
KORO.
NOTHING
YOU DO
TO HIM...

DO YOU
KNOW...
HOW
HARD WE
WORKED
FOR
THIS
RACE
...?



IF REALLY
THERE'S A
WAY YOU CAN
RIDE ON DAY
TOGETHER—
NOT WITH
FADING
INJURY!!

...IS GET
MY BIKE
FIXED FOR
TOMOR-
ROW...

...AND
RENT.

WHAT WE
NEED TO
DO...

YOU'LL



EVERY
STEP, NO
MATTER
HOW SMALL,
GAINS
WEIGHT!

EVEN IF
WE DON'T
WIN THIS
TIME...



... THAT
STEP WE
TOOK WILL
RING US
FORWARD
SO IN A
MONTH...

... OR
MAYBE
TWO, OR
EVEN IN
HALF A
YEAR
FROM
NOW...

... IT'LL
DEFINITELY
COUNT FOR
SOMETHING!



THAT'S
WHY I'LL
NEVER
GIVE UP...

... EVEN IF
IT TAKES
AN ENTIRE
YEAR!

...OR
YOU'VE
ALREADY
LOST.



YOU
HAVE
TO FACE
THE
ROAD
AND
RIDE
IT...

THAT'S
WHY
WE'LL
RIDE.

NO ONE
KNOWS
WHO'LL
WIN...



...UNTIL
SOMEONE
CROSSES
THE
FINISH
LINE!!



KINOSHITA

...IS
DECIDED
ON THE
ROAD.



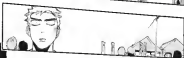
IN A
ROAD
RACE,
WHO
WINS
AND
WHO
LOSES
...

HIS
WILL
TO
WIN,
AS
THEIR
AGE...!

...TO
VICTORY!!

I INTEND
TO LEAD
SOHOKU...

THOOM



...HIS
WILL
...!!





HE'S FAR
STRONGER
THAN ME...



SAIINGO...
KINJO...



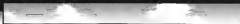
...THAT
THERE'S
NO WAY
I COULD
WIN.



SAIINGO...
SOMETHING
INSIDE OF ME
INSTINCTIVELY
KNEW...



IN THAT
MOMENT,
I...
REACHED
OUT MY
RIGHT
HAND TO
HIM.



MY
INJURIES
HAVE
HEALED...



TO HIM

WE...

**WE
WILL
CLAIM
VICTORY
THIS
YEAR.**

YWAHH

TREK

**...ARE
STRONG
!!**



RIDE 71 THE INTER-HIGH BEGINS

**ALONG THE
KANTO
INTER-HIGHWAY
STRUCTURE**

**END-
SCENE**

FROM SHIMIZU TO KAWASAKI

**...IS NORMALLY
BUSTLING WITH
FOURWHEELS, AN
ATMOSPHERIC
BIGHOUSE
SPICE**

MT. TAKAKURA

TOYOTA EXPRESS

STATION

TOYOTA EXPRESS

**THIS TINY
ISLAND —
THE SOLE
INLAND
ALONG
KAWASAKI
BAY'S LONG,
UNBROKEN
COASTLINE...**

TOYOTA EXPRESS

TOYOTA EXPRESS

KAWASAKI BAY

KAWASAKI

KAWASAKI

...BEGINS
HERE.

THE
THREE-DAY
SUMMER
INTER-HIGH
ROAD RACE...

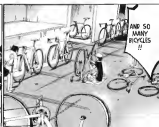


HOK



RIDE.71 THE INTER-HIGH BEGINS







CALM
DOWN,
ONODA-
KUN!

WAAH!!
THERE'S
EVEN A
STAGE
OVER
THERE!



HEY!
ARE
YOU
LISTENING,
ONODA-
KUN?

A
HUNDRED
AND
TWENTY
BUDDS...

CAN
WE
DOALLY
WIN?
I DON'T
I DON'T

HEEY!

HEY!

WAAHGH!!
HE LOOKS
REALLY
STRONG!



THERE'S
NO HELPING
IT. IT'S HIS
FIRST REAL
RACE, RIGHT?

HE WAS
TOTALLY
MORALE
ON THE BUS.

AL
HE
YIP



HYAAAH!
DAMN,
IT'S HOT
TODAY!!





HOLD OFF
ON YOUR
NERVES...

...UNTIL
YOU'RE
ACTUALLY
BEGINNING,
"KITT"



THIS
FEELS
...AT
THIS
INTER-
HIGH

WHAT
DID YOU
FOR-
GET?

WHAT
I'M
HERE
TO
DO...



WE'RE
GONNA
DO IT.

THE
GOK OF
US.



DON'T
FORGET
WHAT YOU'RE
HERE TO DO-
IF YOU LOSE
TIME ON ONE
THING, YOU
CAN MAKE IT
UP ELSE-
WHERE



AND
IF YOU
DROP
YOUR
BOTTLE...

...JUST
PICK
IT UP



WE'RE
HERE...

...TO
TAKE
THE TOP
PRIZE,
REMEM-
BER?



AND...

NOW
LET'S
GO!

THAT'S
RIGHT...WE'RE
GOING TO WIN
TOGETHER...!!



...THERE'S
ONE OTHER
THING I
NEED TO
DO HERE.



I'M
GOING TO
GET THE
PRIZE TO
MYSELF...!!



YES,
SIR!!

Y—



Y—

Strike





Source: MANGA FIGHT







...SET OF
SINGLE-
DIGIT
TAGS!!

...GO
THE
ONE
AND
ONLY...

THESE SINGLE-
DIGIT TAGS ARE
A MARK OF THEIR
STRENGTH—







RIDE 72 ONE MORE REUNION

And now,
if you'll
come up to
the stage...



THE ONLY
ONES
WHO GET
SINGLE-
DIGIT TAGS
ARE LAST
YEAR'S
WINNERS !!

THEY'RE
HERE FROM
LAST TRIPLE-
DIGIT AND
DOUBLE-
DIGIT
TEAMS

HEY, CHECK
OUT THEIR
TAGS.
NUMBER
THREE...
NUMBER
FOUR...

HADONE
MADONNA'S
GOING UP
ON STAGE!

THEY'RE REALLY
INTIMATING!

EACH
TEAM HAS
ONE NUMBER,
SO THEY
HAVE SINGLE-
DIGIT TAGS
ONE THROUGH
SEVEN!!

THERE'S
NUMBER
FIVE!!
THEY'RE
SINGLE-
DIGIT
TAGS!

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Last year's
winning school
and this year's
Kanagawa
Prefecture
representative
in the Inter-
High—please
welcome
the team
from Hakone
Academy!

THE
SYMBOL
OF
ULTIMATE
POWER
!!

WHEW!

FLUTTER

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THERE
THEY
ARE! THE
REIGNING
CHAMPS,
HAKONE
ACADEMY!!

WHOA!
HAKONE
ACADEMY!!

RIDE.72
ONE MORE REUNION

LIKE
HELL
YOU
DID.

MADE IT
IN TIME.



THE
GIRLS
ARE ALL
STARING
AT ME!



WH-
OH.



SHUT UP!
SHE'S JUST
BEING SHY!

AND
HOW SHE'S
LOOKING
AWAY

JUST SEE
THAT GIRL
ON THE
RIGHT
IN THE
DISCREET
DRESS? SHE'S
DEFINITELY
LOOKING
AT ME.

BUT
THEY'RE
FOCUSED
ON ME!

I THINK
SHE'S JUST
STANDING AT
THE STAGE.



THAT GUY
WITH THE
SHAVED
HEAD IS A
SECOND-
YEAR! THE
ONE ON THE
FAR RIGHT

A
SECOND-
YEAR?



YOU HEAR
THE GUY
WITH THE
NUMBER
ON HIS
T-SHIRT

WAIT
A SEC!

THAT ONE
ON THE
FAR LEFT...
LOOK...

THAT'S
TAMMOR. I'VE
BEEN
HIS NAME
AT A LOT
OF KANTON
JAZZ
RACES.

DESPITE HOW
DEEP THEIR
BENCH IS... THIS
SECOND-YEAR
MANAGED
TO GET AN
INTER-HIGH
SPOT? WOW...







ME
TOO.

I MADE
IT HERE
TOO!!

WHAT
WAS
THAT
JUST
NOW?

Err, right...
Was that
his goal?
Something
about...
climbing
uphill
roads...?



Saka-
michi-
kun,
you're
here!!

SOHOKU

SOHOKU

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CHAPTER FORTY-SEVEN: FIGHTING WITH SCHOOL. FIGHT-CLUB KICKBOXING REMAINS. FORTY-SEVEN: FIGHT-CLUB KICKBOXING REMAINS. FORTY-SEVEN: FIGHT-CLUB KICKBOXING REMAINS.



MIDNIGHT!!



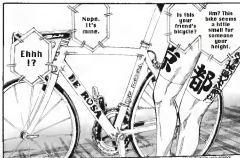


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Th-
that's...
a rather
unusual-
looking
setup...

To make up
for the fat,
I take the
needle...

...and the
handle-
bars, and
extend them out
like this.



LEAVE
BORROW
TIME.

So what
are your
goals
for this
year?

Huh?
1?



...TO
SHAVE
OFF
SOME
RIDING
WEIGHT.

WELL...
IT'S
JUST
A L'L
SOME-
THIN'...



WHAT LIVES THERE



My goal
for this
year
is...



DID ANY-
BODY
ALREADY
HAVE A
BOY LIKE
THAT?

WHAT
THE — IS
HE WENT
UP ON
STAGE?

DANG,
HE'S
TALL!

**...to
crush**

...

**...Hakone
Academy
!!!**



And I'm the
man who's
going to use
this Inter-
High as my
springboard
onto the
world stage.

...Akira
Midou-
suji-
kun.

So
remem-
ber me,
'kay?

RIGHT
IN THEIR
FACES !!

WITH
HAKING
ACROBATICS??

IS HE
POISING
A FIGHT !!

I'm tag
number
91.

Kyoto-
Fushimi
first-year
student...

WUSSY-ZUMI-KUN!













HEY, HEY!
I GET WHAT
YOU'RE
REALLY UPSET
ABOUT IS
HOW YOU
COMPLETELY
CRUMBLERD
AFTER I PUT
FIVE MINUTES
AND SEVEN
SECONDS
BETWEEN US,
HUSBYZUM-
KUN.

YOU
DIDN'T HAVE
THE STRENGTH
TO CHASE
AFTER ME, YOU
COULDN'T RISE
AT THE BOPPM
I WAS GOING.
THE REAL
REASON I BEAT
YOU, THE REAL
REASON YOU
LOST, IS JUST
'COS YOUR LEGS
WERE TOO WEAK.
ISN'T THAT
RIGHT?

BAM



AND
NOW
YOU'RE
JUST...

TRYING TO
GET IT WASH
MY FAULT...
THAT'S
CALLED
"PASSING
THE
BLAME."

DIDN'T
THAT TEACH
YOU ANY
MORALS IN
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL?



WHO
HEARS
THAT THEIR
MOTHER'S
DIED IN THE
MIDDLE OF
A RACE AND
ACTUALLY
BELIEVES
IT?

...WHO
WOULD
ACTUALLY
BELIEVE
SOMETHING
LIKE
THAT?



OR DO YOU
JUST HAVE
AN OEDIPUS
COMPLEX?



THEY SAID
YOUR MOM
DID RUN
OVER BY A
BOMBING



ADJUST THE
STORY HERE
LOOKING FOR
YOU

NUMBER
472



SHE WAS
CALLING OUT
FOR YOU
APPARENTLY







HEY,
JACK-
ASS!!
SHUT
YOUR
ROTTEN
MOUTH
!!



...
AIN'T
THAT
WEAK
!!

IMA-
SSHHH
...



STEP



IF
YOU'RE
A
CYCLIST
—









BUT
SOMEHOW
IS A FIRST-
YEAR!

NOW THAT
YOU MENTION IT,
I RECOGNIZE
THOSE OTHER
GUYS... THEY'RE
SECOND-
YEARS!!

AND THE
ONE IN
FRONT IS
YOSHIMASA
A THIRD-
YEAR!

RIGHT??



EVEN WITH
ALL THOSE
UPPERCLASSMEN
ON THE TEAM...



...THEIR
AGE
IS A
FIRST-
YEAR!?





...YOU
KNOW,
SHOW
SOME
RESTRAINT!



ROAD
RACING IS
A GENTLE-
MAN'S
SPORT.
YOU NEED
TO...



BUT —



I GUESS
I DID
OVERDO
IT A LITTLE

HAHAHA
...



WOW...
THE FIRST-
PRIZE WAS IN
PLAYING ON
A ROAD
YEAR 17

UPPER

SHOULD
PROBABLY
NOT



YOU'RE
TO
MOVE AS
IF YOU
WERE MY
ARM AND
LEG.

YOU
OBEY
ME. YOU
SERVE
ME.

YOUR WHOLE
CONCERN IS TO
FOLLOW MY
COMMAND

IF YOU
CAN
BARELY
DO THAT...



TELL ME —
WHY DID
YOU
ADDRESS
ME
WITHOUT
AN
HONORIFIC
JUST NOW?
HMM?
WHY?

I'M
THE
ACE.

IF WE
WERE AN
ARMY, I'D
BE YOUR
CAPTAIN.

I TOLD YOU
TO ALWAYS
ADDRESS
ME WITH
"KUN" AT THE
END.







...WILL
CRUSH
HIM!!

...I...



I DETEST
HEADLINGS
WHO TRY TO
TALK BIG.....



RIDE.74 STARTING RHYTHM



WISHES...

NERVES...

PRAYERS...

FIGHTING
SPIRIT...



...THE
BAREST
FEELING
COULD
SHATTER
IT.

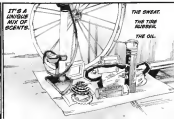
THIS
ATMOSPHERE
BEFORE
THE RACE'S
START... IT
FEELS SO
REAL...



EVERY ONE
OF THEM
IS HERE
TO PUSH
THEMSELVES
TO THEIR
LIMITS.

IT'S A
UNIQUE
MIX OF
SCENTS.

THE SWEAT.
THE TIRE
EXHAUST.
THE OIL.





THE
RHYTHM'S
STARTING
TO BUILD—



...EACH
OF THEM
WILL
FACE THE
START
LINE...

HOLDING
ALL THESE
DIFFERENT
EMOTIONS
INSIDE...



All
cyclists
to the
start
line.

...INTER-
HIGH
ROAD
RACE.

...OF
THE MID-
SUMMER...

The
race will
begin
in five
minutes'
time.

RIDE.74 STARTING RHYTHM



441-442 100 - 100000 100



443-444 100000 100000



















**YEAH
!!**

**YES,
SIR!!**

The race
will begin
in one
minute.

THEY
REALLY
ARE A
GOOD
TEAM.

WOW...

YOUR VERY
FIRST
OFFICIAL
RACE IS
THE ONE
EVERYONE
LONGS TO
ENTER—
THE INTER-
ARENA

CHOO-
CHU.
I REALLY
HATE YOU
RIGHT
NOW.

...AND THE THIRD-
PERIOD.

CHOO-
CHU...

...THAT'S THE
AGE...

...MAYBE
AGE...

I TRULY
BELIEVE THIS
TEAM WOULDN'T
HAVE WONDED IF
EVEN A SINGLE
ONE OF YOU
HADN'T BEEN
HERE.

AND YOU
GUY TO
BARE IT
WITH THE
ULTIMATE
LUNAR



MAKE SURE...

...YOU
ENJOY
THIS RACE
AS MUCH
AS YOU
CAN!!

...WITH
A "GOOD
LUCK!"

THERE'S
NOTHING
BETTER
THAN THAT.
SO, ONODA-
KUN! I'M
NOT GOING
TO SEND
YOU OFF...

ONODA-
KUN!

HAY!

YOU
ONLY
GET
ONE
FIRST
RACE
IN
YOUR
WHOLE
LIFE.



RIDE.75 THE START LINE



YOWAMUSHI PEDAL



SOHOKU MEMBERS





DO ANIME
CLIPS HOLD
RACES THESE
DAYS?



FOR
CYCLING!
I EXPLAINED
IT BEFORE!

I'M...I'M IN
THE CYCLING
CLUB NOW.



I TOLD YOU—IT'S
A HORRIBLE RACING
CLUB! NO ONE...WE
RACE ON OUR HEART
RACER JUDGE
BASICALLY



WAS
IN THE
RACE?



IT SEEMS
LIKE I'M
ACTUALLY

AM
MID-
LAND



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YEAH
!!

CHEEEER

WELL, THAT'S
REASSURING.





I BET THEIR
FEELING
WON'T
CHANGE,
EVEN AFTER
WE START
RIDING.

JUST THINKING
I CAN RIDE
WITH THESE
AMAZING
FOLKS IS SO
THRILLING
I CAN HARDLY
STAND IT.

THANK
YOU FOR
GIVING
ME THIS
CHANCE!!

THEY
YOU'LL
NEED TO
HELP OUT
PERSON
UP

THAT'S
WHY...

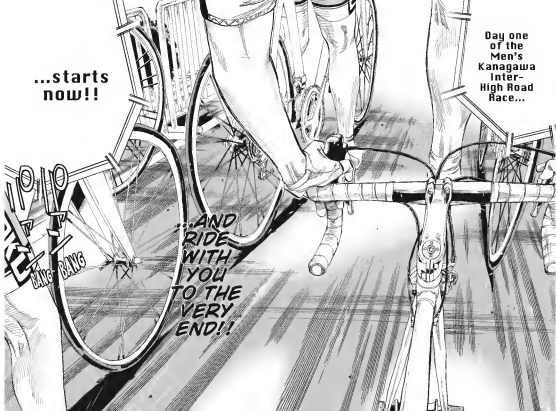


...I'LL
PEDAL
AS
HARD
AS I
CAN...

**...starts
now!!**

**Day one
of the
Men's
Kanagawa
Inter-
High Road
Race...**

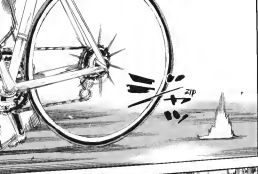
**...AND
RIDE
WITH
YOU
TO THE
VERY
END!!**





SHOHEI: (TO THE CROWD) KATO IS HERE!

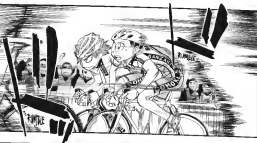








JUST RIDE
ALONG WITH
THE FLOW OF
THE PACK,
ONODA-
KUNI!!



THE
WHOLE
PACK IS
MOVING
TOGETHER
AS IF
THOUGH
IT WERE
ONE HUGE
ANIMAL!!



OR
PULLED
IT IN

WHAT?!

AM I
BEING
PUSHED?



WHAT ABOUT THE PARADE AND WHAT YOU ARE THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT PARTS OF THE RACE





SO THIS
DREAM...
THIS
IDEAL OF
YOURS...
IS JUST
A FAN-
TASY?

HAHA...
MAYBE I'VE
ALWAYS
I'VE TOLD
YOU
BEFORE
IN
RACES,
THAT'S
ALWAYS
...ONLY
ONE
WINNER.



THAT
SAID...



IF I'VE
GOTTA SEE
YOU CRY, I'D
SUFFER IT
BE AFTER WE
CROSS THE
FINISH LINE
TOGETHER.



AH, JUST
'COS YOU
HAPPEN TO
BE HERE.
THAT'S ALL!
WOULDN'T
WANT ME TO
CRY 'COS I
LEFT YOU
OUT.



HOW
UNUSUAL.
YOU'RE
INCLUDING
ME?



...FOR
ALL
THREE
DAYS...

...IT'D BE
PRETTY
AWESOME
IF ALL
THREE
OF US...

...COULD
RIDE SIDE-
BY-SIDE AT
THE FRONT
OF THE PACK.



...A
FANTASY
LIKE
THAT...

...
WOULDN'T
BE BAD
IN MY
BOOK!

I CAN
FEEL
STRENGTH
WELLING
UP INSIDE
OF ME!!

LET'S
GO!!
LET'S
SURVIVE
TO THE
END!!
AND
THEN...

WOW!

WOW!

WOW!

YEAH
!!



**ALL
THREE
OF US
!!**

**...TO THE
FINISH
LINE!**



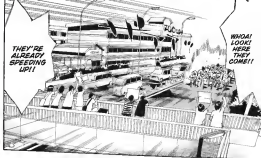


RIDE.76 TOP SPRINTER!!









THAT'S
WHERE IT
REALLY
STARTS!

WHOAA!

NOT YET!
THEY'LL
SPEED UP
AFTER THEY
REACH THIS
OVERPASS.



...
RAISES
THEIR
FLAG.

ONCE THE
JUDGE'S CAR
LEADING THE
PELTON...



FROM
HERE...

THAT'S
THE
SIGNAL
TO
START!



RIDE.76 TOP SPRINTER!!

THOOM

...
**THEY'LL
REACH
SPEEDS
YOU
WON'T
BELIEVE
!!**

Zzzzz









'SCUSE
ME!

THOOM

ZOOSH

TADOKORO-SENPAI...!!

HEY, HEY!
DON'T YOU
GO FLYING
OUT THERE
TILL I
GIVE THE
SIGNAL.

I'M SO
EXCITED
I COULD
POOP MY
PANTS
RIGHT
NOW!!

NARUKO-KUN...!!

ALL RIGHT!!
IT'S ABOUT
TIME FOR ME
TO TAKE THE
STAGE...

FLATS, FLATS,
AND MORE FLATS!!
IT'S LIKE THEY
MADE THIS
COURSE JUST
FOR ME, DON'T
YA THINK??

STARTING
THERE,
IT'S SOON
OF FLAT
ROAD!!

IT'S
ABOUT
TO BEGIN,
ONOOO

WOULD
BE ABLE
TO SEE
WHO THE
SPEED-
STERS
OF EACH
SCHOOL
ARE.

NOW...

JAB

NOPE...
IT'S
FOR
ME!!





...BY THEIR STRENGTH !!



IT ISNT ABOUT WORDS ...



THEIR MATCHES ARE FLASHY AND STRAIGHT-FORWARD, WITH NO FILLS.

THERES NO FAKING REAL STRENGTH IN THEIR FELD.

SPRINTERS ARE THE STARS OF THE GAME



...DO THEY DO THAT?



...TO COMPETE IN A SHOW OF LEG STRENGTH !!

AT THE START OF THE RACE, EACH TEAM SENDS ITS SPRINTER...



NOW WATCH... TAKE A GOOD LOOK!! THE RACES WHO BREAK AWAY...

...IN THIS FIRST BATTLE ...



...THE OTHER TEAMS FEEL GREATER PRESSURE GOING AGAINST YOU, GIVING YOU AN ADVANTAGE!! IT LETS YOU SET THE TONE OF THE RACE!!

FACED WITH REALITY ...

THE TONE OF THE RACE...!!



...IS A POWERFUL DISPLAY OF THEIR STRENGTH !!

BECAUSE BEATING YOUR OPPONENTS INTO SUBMISSION IN FRONT OF EVERYONE ...



MULTIPLE
RIDERS
HAVE
BROKEN
AWAY
FROM
THE
PELO-
TON!

IT'S
START-
ING!



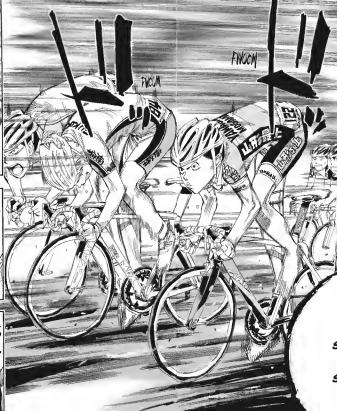
BOTH
KANESAWA-
MUSAKI
AND SAKI
ACADEMY...
ARE IN THE
GROUP

WHOM!
GO
FAST!!



DON'T
CALL
ME
"OLD
MAN."

CAN'T
WE GO
YET,
OLD
MAN?



...ARE
THE ONES
WITH REAL
STRENGTH—
THE ONES
CALLED TOP
SPRINTERS!!







SHOUKICHI
NARUKO...

...IS MAKING
HIS BIG
ENTRANCE!!



TIME
TO GO,
RED!!

RAH
!!

HYAAA-
AHHHH!!

JAB

T-TWO
RIDERS!?
SOHOKU
HAS TWO
TOP
SPRINTERS
!?

SOHOKU
JUMPS
IN LAST-
MINUTE!!

WAS
HE ON
SOHOKU'S
TEAM LAST
YEAR!?

WAIT,
WHO'S
THAT
REDHEAD?

THEY'RE
SO
FAST...!!

THEY
SHOT
FORWARD
LIKE THEY
WERE ON
MOTOR-
CYCLES!!

HAAA-
AAR-
RGHH!!

C'MON!
C'MON!
C'MON
!!

FWOOM



IZUMI: HEART BEATING



RIDE.77 RACE!!



FROM "CLASH OF WORLDS" BY SHINJI YAMAMOTO





BEING IN
THE CAR AND
ALL, WE HAVE
NO WAY OF
KNOWING HOW
THE RACE IS
GOING.

OH BOY,
RE-SUPPLY IS
IMPORTANT,
OF COURSE,
BUT...

IT'S
A BIT OF
A SHAME
THAT WE
HAVE TO
STAY AHEAD
OF THE
RACE, HEH?



DON'T
WORRY.

KNOW
WHAT A
SHAME.

BUT IT'S
NOT LIKE
ANYONE,
WHEN TV
CAMERAS
COVER THE
RACE.

IT'D BE
TO KNOW
MORE... LIKE
WHO'S IN
FIRST RIGHT
NOW... AND
WHAT PLACE
BOYKING'S
IN.



THERE ARE
SENSORS
LIKE THE
ONES AT
THE START
LINE...

AND EACH
CHECKPOINT
RECORDS THE
FINISHING
ORDER OF
THE RIDERS.

THE INTER-
HIGH IS
BROKEN UP
INTO SEVERAL
A FEW CHECK-
POINTS.

...GET
UP ABOUT
EVERY SEAM
ALONG THE
COURSE.

SLIDE

Current Standings Checkpoint No.

1st	High School	Cyclist
2nd	High School	Cyclist
3rd	High School	Cyclist
4th	High School	Cyclist
5th	High School	Cyclist
6th	High School	Cyclist
7th	High School	Cyclist
8th	High School	Cyclist
9th	High School	Cyclist
10th	High School	Cyclist

EVERY TIME THE RIDERS REACH ONE OF THESE CHECKPOINTS, THE CURRENT STANDINGS ARE UPDATED.

THE STANDINGS ARE COMMUNICATED TO THE RIDERS TOO.

THAT'S GREAT!! SO GREAT!!

WOAH! SO I CAN CHECK THOSE STANDINGS...

...WE'LL KNOW WHO'S LEADING AND WHAT RACE THE RACE IS MOVING AT!!

...WHICH MAKES IT EASIER TO CONTROL THEM ALL.

THESE OPPONENTS THINK "THAT SCHOOL'S A STRONG ONE"...

WHICH MAKES THEM A POWERFUL STRATEGIC TOOL.

ATTENTION!!

THIS IS A STRATEGIC PLAY, RIGHT?

TOP-LEVEL

THAT'S WHY EVERY SCHOOL SENDS OUT ITS TOP SPRINTER AT THE POINT.

BECAUSE SCORING THE FIRST POINT OR BEING RIPPED FIRST IN THE INITIAL SET OF RESULTS GIVES AN ATHLETE A PSYCHOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE.

*BUT
TO THE
SPRINTERS,
THIS
CHECK-
POINT...*

*...IS BOTH
FOR THEIR
TEAMS...*

*...AND FOR
THEM-
SELVES.*

HUH?

WITH FINELY
ATTUNED
REFLEXES AND
THE ABILITY
TO READ THE
SHIFTING RACE
CONDITIONS, YOU
AIM FOR THE
TOP PRIZE.

TO
SPRINTERS,
WHO CHASE
AFTER
EVER
GREATER
SPEED...

...WANT
THEY
WANT
MORE
THAN
ANYONE...

...IS TO RIDE
FASTER THAN
ANYONE ELSE
AND NEVER
YIELD VICTORY.

IT'S
THE
THRILL
OF BEING
MILLI-
SECONDS
BEHIND...
...AND
IN THE
BREATH OF
A MOMENT,
WITH A
BURST OF
POWER...

...CLAIMING
THE MOST
FAVORABLE
POSITION FOR
YOURSELF.

IT'S
"PASS-
TION"
...DO
YOU
KNOW
IT?

THEM...
SELVES?

THE
GLORY OF
DEVOURING
THE
OPPONENT
BEFORE
THEM...

...AND PULLING
AHEAD, BE IT
BY A METER
OR BY TEN
CENTIMETERS.

WHOA!!

SO...
SO
FAST
!!

WHOOOOOSH

THEY
WANT THE
PRESTIGE OF
BEING THE
FASTEST
AND THE
STRONGEST
!!

WHOOOOOSH

RIDE.77 RACE!!



WHOEVER
TAKES THE FIRST
CHECKPOINT OF
THE INTER-HIGH
WILL HAVE THEIR
NAME RESOUND
ACROSS JAPAN!
THAT'LL BE...

...ME
!!

...THIS
GUY!

NO,
NOT A
CHANCE.

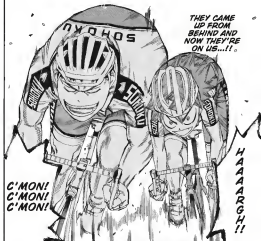
I-I WONDER
IF
THEY'LL
GET
ALONG
ALONG
WITH
EACH
OTHER
...

TAKEMOTO-SAN
AND
MURAKAMI-KUN
SURE
ARE
FIRED
UP...

SOHO









.....!!
I
SEE...



SEEN-
QUICKLY
IT

BUT WHY
AREN'T
THEY
DRAFTING
IT

DAMN
IT!!



THEY'LL PICK
UP SLIGHTLY
CHANGING SOME
CYCLING PATTERNS
THROWING THE
BEST OF US INTO
CONFUSION. WHILE
WE'RE DISTRACTED
THEY'LL USE THAT
CHANCE...

A
STRATEGY...!!
THIS IS PART
OF THEIR
PLAN!



I'LL
CALL
YOUR
BLUFF
...

THEY
CALL ME
"THE
WINDWIND
OF
HOKURIKU"!!

I AM SURE
OF KANZAKU-
MUSAKI...
A MAN WHO
NEVER
WARRIES!



NO
NO!!

KANZAKU-
MUSAKI'S
STRATEGY!

...AND
LEAVE
YOUR
PLAN IN
SHREDS!!



NOW
THEIR PLAN,
SCORCH!

"ALL I
NEED TO
COUNTERACT
THEIR PLAN
IS TO STAY
CALM."





I WAS JUST
HINTING THAT
SINCE I'M
YOUR SENPAI,
YOU SHOULD
STEP ASIDE
AND LET ME
GO AHEAD!!

YOU SAY
THAT, BUT
YOU WERE
GONNA
GO AHEAD,
WEREN'T
YOU!!?

NO
WAY
!!

YES WAY!
DON'T YOU
HAVE ANY
RESPECT
FOR ME??

YOU'D
BETTER
—!!

MM...

200cc3H





WHY CAN
THEY RIDE
SO FAST?



HOOH
IT?



INDIVIDUALLY THE BEST EITHER OF THEM COULD DO WOULD PROBABLY BE TO CATCH UP WITH THE OTHER DRIFTERS.





EVEN
THOUGH
THEY'RE
ON THE
SAME
TEAM.

...THAT
THEY'RE
"RACING"
EACH
OTHER.

SPRINT-
ERS...

...ARE
JUST
THAT
KIND OF
CREA-
TURE!!

NEITHER
WANTS TO
LET THE
OTHER
PASS.

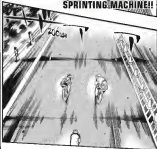






I THOUGHT
I SENSED
SOMETHING
SUPER-
ENERGETIC
CHASING
US
DOWN FROM
BEHIND.

SO IT
WAS YOU,
HAKONE
!!



SO HE'S
COME...
I FIGURED
WE'D SEE
HAKONE'S
SPRINTER.

RAGE

...WAS
HARDLY
A CHAL-
LENGE.

...TO
ME
NOW...

...THAT...

THANKS...
IT'S NICE
TO MEET
YOU.

YOU MANAGED
TO BREAK
THROUGH THAT
GROUP OF TOP
SPRINTERS
BACK THERE
TO REACH
US...

I'M
TOUNGHRU
IZUMIDA.

RIDE 78
SPRINTING MACHINE!!



YEAH...
THAT
SECOND-
YEAR...

I DUMPED
INTO HIM
ONCE IN THE
SHOWER.

HE'S...



DAMN
!!



HE
PASSED
US SO
EASILY...

WHO
THE
HELL
WAS
HE?!

I CAN'T
SEE THEM
ANYMORE
...!!



IZUMIDA

WHY
DID
HARONE
GET
THAT
GUY?!

WE'RE ELITE
REGIONAL RIDERS
CHOSEN FOR THE
INTER-HIGH TOO,
YOU KNOW!!

YOU
KNOW
ANY?

DAMN
IT
ALL!!

...A HEAD-
TO-TOE
SPRINTING
MACHINE!!

THOOM

FLAP

FLAP













AND
MY BODY
GREW
LIGHTER
...!!

MY
SENSES
GREW
SHARPER
AND
SHARPER.



I'VE
RID MY
BODY
OF ALL
EXCESS.

I HAD
MORPHED
MYSELF
INTO A
SPEAR OF
PURE
MUSCLE!!

I'VE
RECRRAFTED,
RESHAPED,
AND
REFINED
MYSELF.

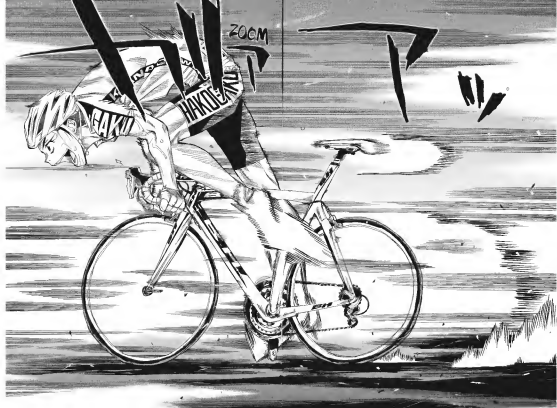
...I HAVE
BECOME
PURE
MUSCLE
ITSELF!!

UNTIL
AT
LAST...

SHOOM

HA
VOY





LIKE
WE'D...

THOOM



DOES HE PLAN
TO TAKE THE
CHECKPOINT
UNCHALLENGED?

...TO FULL
SPEED
IN AN
INSTANT!!

HE
WENT
FROM
ZERO
...

DAMN
IT!
HE'S
TOO
FAST
!!

...LET
YOU!

...LET
YA!



2
km

OH YEA,
I DIDN'T
ANSWER ONE
OF YOUR
QUESTIONS.
DID IT

HE'S
STILL
AHEAD
!!

...ONLY
WHEN I'M
RIDING
HARD.

I GLOBE
UR..

...MY
ZIPPER



**BUT
FOR
THIS
ONE...**

**...IT
LOOKS
LIKE I
WON'T
NEED
TO!**

.....!!



NECESSITIES FOR RIDING A ROAD BIKE: A CHAT ABOUT NECESSARY MUSCLES

JUST AS SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T EXERCISE REGULARLY CAN'T JUMP UP AND RUN A FULL MARATHON, TO RIDE A ROAD BIKE—WHICH IS, AFTER ALL, A TOOL ONE USES TO COMPETE IN THE SPORT OF ROAD RACING—ONE DOES NEED TO DO A LITTLE TRAINING.

YOU'VE DECIDED YOU'RE GOING TO BUY A ROAD BIKE
AND ASK YOUR FRIEND TO LET YOU TRY THEIRS OUT, BUT...



HAS THIS HAPPENED TO ANYONE...?

OR MAYBE, YOU'VE GONE AND BOUGHT IT ALREADY, BUT...



ANYONE OUT THERE LIKE THIS?

THAT'S
RIGHT—

MOST OF US CAN'T ABRUPTLY
START CYCLING AND BE COMPLETELY
OKAY. BECAUSE THERE'S A LITTLE
SOMETHING WE'RE LACKING...

YES!
YOU SEE,
JUST LIKE
THIS!!

YOU
MUST
HONK
YOUR
BODY!!

HIS CASE IS A BIT EXCESSIVE...

TO RIDE A ROAD BIKE, YOU WILL
NEED TO USE MUSCLES YOU MAYBE
DON'T USE MUCH NORMALLY.



BUT THERE'S NO SPECIAL EXERCISE YOU
NEED TO DO IN ORDER TO RIDE A ROAD BIKE.

JUST RIDE YOUR BIKE LITTLE BY
LITTLE EVERY DAY AND YOU WILL
NATURALLY BUILD UP THESE MUSCLES.



MUSCLES,
FOLKS!!

My head
and neck

SHINJI KAWANO

SHINJI KAWANO ACADEMY

MUSCLES ARE HIGHLY ADAPTABLE, SO YOU MAY DEVELOP WHAT YOU NEED SOONER OR LATER, BUT IN GENERAL, YOUR BODY WILL BECOME ACCLIMATED TO CYCLING AFTER 1-2 WEEKS OF RIDING.

Abstract

AND IF YOU KEEP GOING, YOU WILL KEEP DEVELOPING THOSE MUSCLES AND CYCLING WILL BECOME REALLY FUN AND COMFORTABLE. BUT YOU ALSO INCREASE THE RISK OF STRIKING YOUR BACK MUSCLES TOO HARD.

[illegible]

WHEN YOU GET HOME, TELL
US YOUR LAST NAME. YOU
CAN DO THIS TO US YOUR
OWN WAY, ANYTIME.



THESE RESULTS WERE
OBTAINED FROM THE
ANALYSIS OF THE
DATA OBTAINED FROM A
RANDOM SAMPLE OF THE
ENTIRE DATA SET.

YOU'LL END UP CLIPPING OUT A LOT OF BITS FOR REPRODUCING ARTISTS.



THESE ARE THE FIRST OF TWO PARTS OF THE
THE FIRST OF TWO PARTS OF THE
THE FIRST OF TWO PARTS OF THE

multifactorial health shifts, making them
more difficult to address. Health care
systems are being asked to do more, with
less. To take you back, however, and
provide more care, we at CCHS
continue to work hard, and I think
many will agree that we're doing
really well. To continue with the state
of a health care business, we have
over 100,000 beds and 100,000 employees
in 2007. I think we're doing pretty
well. I think we're doing pretty well.



How much life does
and freedom you
don't want to be
the first to see the

IT IS AN INTERESTING STORY ABOUT A
WOMAN WHOSE LIFE WAS CHANGED BY
THE LOSS OF HER SON. THE STORY
IS A TRUE STORY. IT IS A STORY
ABOUT A WOMAN WHOSE LIFE WAS
CHANGED BY THE LOSS OF HER SON.
AND NO ONE IS CHANGING OF HEART.
BUT NO ONE IS CHANGING OF HEART.



valuable can be determined after
the first few days and weeks.



WOMEN - STRENGTH
A LITTLE TOO MUCH FOR
YOU? THE ANSWER IS
NO! TRYING A LITTLE
TOO MUCH AT ONCE?
CONSIDER IT THIS WAY:

[illegible]

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...and my first taste of the
New Orleans music scene. I
wasn't in a band, but



YOWAMUSHI
PEDAL 

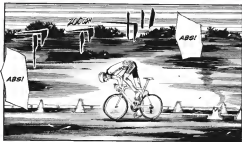
RIDE.79 ATONEMENT



YOWAMUSHI PEDAL



IZUMIDA



ABS! ABS!
ABS! ABS!
ABS! ABS!
ABS! ABS!

ZOOOGH

...CLOSE
IN!!

DAMN
IT!! WE
CAN'T...

ABS!!

PAGE



POOOOSH

C'MON!
C'MON!
C'MON!!

HAAA-
ARGH!!



HAHA
HAHA



FEELING...!!
WE'RE
OVER 1,000
METERS
FROM THE
FIRST
CHECK-
POINT!!

DAMN
IT...!!
THIS
GUY'S
THE REAL
DEAL!!

1,700
NOW...!!

HE'S
SPEEDING
UP EVEN
MORE!!



SOHOKU

LUNGE

THOOM



HAAA!
JAM

PINRA

GRAB

POWERS





...SINCE
KARELKO-KUN
AND TAGAGORO-
SAN GET OUT
I WONDER IF
THEY'RE DOING
OKAY...

IT'S BEEN
A WHILE
NOW...



HEY,
KINJOUN!

...WE
SHOULD
CONSIDER
HIM A
FEAR-
SOME
OPPO-
NENT

NO...
IF
FUNKY-
TOMY
CHOOSE
TO
SEND
HIM...

THERE'S
NOTHING
NOTABLE
IN THE DATA
WE HAVE
ON HAKAGE
ACADEMY'S
ISLAND

WHO
CAN
SAF?

I'M NOT
SURE.



WHOM...
HE
CAME
BACK
HERE...

WHAT
THE—?!

W H O A !

WHAT
IS

...FROM
THE
VERY
FRONT
OF THE
PACK...!

KANAN

YOU'VE
GOT A
VISITOR

SEE?

.....
IT'S BEEN A WHILE...

FUKUTOMI!!

IT'S THE
THIRD-
YEAR-
AGE OF HAKONE
ACADEMY
...!!

THOOM

FUKU-
TOMI!!

... KINJOU !!

...YEAH!!





**I AM
STRONG
!!**

ZING



...LED
ME TO DO
SOMETHING
TO YOU
I NEVER
SHOULD
HAVE.



TH
ATONE-
MENT...

I REGRETTED IT
HORRIBLY. I WAS
ASSURED AND I
REALIZED IT WAS
A WRONG I
COULD NEVER
PUT RIGHT.



I HAVE
NO WAY OF
ATONING
FOR WHAT
I DID BUT
TO RACE
YOU...

I...

...FAIR AND
SQUARE,
UPON THIS
INTER-
HIGH ROAD.
THAT'S
WHAT I'VE
REALIZED.

.....AM
INCAPABLE
OF DOING
ANYTHING
BUT RACING
YOU.

THAT'S
WHY I'VE
WAITED
A FULL
YEAR.

...I COULD
KNEEL
DOWN AND
APOLOGIZE
TO YOU A
HUNDRED
TIMES OVER...

A FULL
YEAR...

...BUT AS
YOU SAID,
THAT WON'T
CHANGE THE
REALITY OF
THAT DAY.



**THAT'S
WHY I'VE
ASSEMBLED
THE
STRONGEST
TEAM
POSSIBLE!!**

**...WITH THE
ULTIMATE
TEAM I'VE
BUILT—AND I
WILL DEFEAT
YOU!! I WILL
CRUSH YOU!!**

**KINJOU...!!
I WILL
RACE YOU...**



...I
WON'T
LOSE TO
YOU!!

NO MATTER
HOW RELENT-
LESSLY
YOU PURSUE
ME...

THAT'S
HOW I'LL
PAY YOU
BACK!!

DEER...THIS
GUY TRADED
EAGERNESS
TO A NEW
LEVEL...

TOOOOAH



NO
CYCLIST
WHO HAS
ONLY
TRAINED
NORMALLY

ZOOM

...CAN
HOPE
TO STOP
HIM!!

ABS!

ZOOOOSH

ABS!

ABS

!!

HE'S
TOO
FRIGGIN'
FAST!!

HEE!!

HEE!!

HEE!!

HEE!!

HEE!!

HEE!!

HEE!!

HEE!!



WHY
AREN'T YOU
COOPERATING
WITH EACH
OTHER...?



THAT'S
BASIC
BICYCLE
RACING
THEORY

ONE
OF YOU
SHOULD
ACT AS
A WIND
SHIELD...

...TO
PRESERVE THE
LEG STRENGTH
OF THE OTHERS...
IT'S A BASIC
TACTIC.



WHY
!!?



BEFORE
WE REACHED
THE FINAL
ONE-KILOMETER
MARK, THAT
IS!!



IT...
... WOULD HAVE
SERVED YOU WELL
TO USE IT AND
CATCH UP TO ME
QUICKLY.



ROAD 66 TO SHERWOOD



THE ROAD
AHEAD'S
NO LONGER
SHELTERED
FROM THE
WIND!!

BUT THE
SITUATION
CHANGES
FROM THIS
POINT
ONWARD...

ROAD 66 TO SHERWOOD

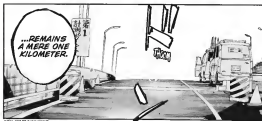


IT'S THE
HIGH-WIND
SEGMENT
!!









FROM NOW TO CALIFORNIA





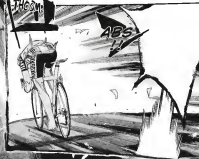
**RIDE-80. NO HIDDEN ACES UP OUR
SLEEVES!!**

GA A A A A

**...AS
SPRINTERS,
BOTH OF
YOU ARE
FAILURES!!**

A

A







HE'S
TEARING
AHEAD
LIKE THE
WIND
DOESN'T
AFFECT
HIM AT
ALL!!

F'REAL!?
HE'S
GOIN'
EVEN
FASTER
NOW!?



IT'S
LIKE HIS
DORSAL
MUSCLES
ARE
SPRINGS
OR
SOME-
THING!!



IT ISN'T
YOUR
LEGS THAT
PROPEL
YOU ON A
BIKELET!!



THE
CORE
IS
VITAL
FOR
PUMP-
ING
THE
LEGS!!

IT'S WHAT
SUPPORTS
YOUR LEG
MUSCLES—
YOUR
CORE!!



MY
DORSAL
MUSCLES
ARE
SPRINGS!!

AND MY
ABDOMINAL
MUSCLES
ARE SHOCK
ABSORBERS!!

**YOUR
BACK AND
ABDOMINAL
MUSCLES!!**

**YOUR
BODY'S
CORE!!**

HAH!!

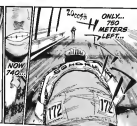
**THERE'S
ONLY 800
METERS
LEFT, OLD
MAN!**

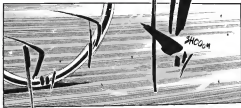
**ABS,
ABS,
ABS!!**

**I
KNOW
!!**

**I'VE
BUILT
MINE UP TO
ABSOLUTE
PERFEC-
TION!!**







...BUT
THEY STILL
REFUSE TO
COOPERATE
TOGETHER.

THEY'RE
ON THE
SAME
TEAM...



...OR
PRIEST

IS IT
STUBBORN-
NESS...



WHAT
MATTERS
...!

HONESTLY...

I'D
EXPECTED
THEM TO
HAVE SOME
SECRET
PLAN...

HOW IDIOTIC!!
EVEN AFTER
ALL THIS,
THEY'RE STILL
RIDING LEVEL
RATHER THAN
DRAFTING!!



IT'S
MUCH
TOO
SOON!!

GOON!
NO, I CAN'T
START
GRINDING
YET.

I CAN
SMILE
AFTER
I'VE
TAKEN THE
CHECK-
POINT.



NO
WAY!!

...BUT THEY
DON'T!!



...AND
SHOOT
FORTH
LIKE
AN
ARROW
!!

A HUNTER
STALKING
ITS PREY
MUST
NEVER LET
UP FOR A
MOMENT!!



I
PUSHED
MY
HEAD...

MY
TRAINED
HEAD...

...TO THE
FIRST
CHECK-
POINT!!
I'LL LET
MYSELF
SHAKE
AFTER
THAT!!

RIGHT NOW,
I NEED TO
CLEAR THESE
FINAL 100
METERS...

FINISH

THE
RESULTS
THAT WILL
HAVE THE
GREATEST
IMPACT
ON THE
RACE...!

THE
FIRST
RESULTS
OF THE
INTER-
HIGH...

THIS IS THE
MOMENT THE
NAME OF
YOUNGBOUN
TELEUNDA

AND
NOW AT
LAST,
I'M
FINALLY
HERE...!!

...AND
HONED
MYSELF
...!!

...WILL SPREAD
THROUGHOUT
THE ENTIRE
COUNTRY!!



I WILL
BE KNOWN
AS "THE
FASTEST,
STRONGEST
SPRINTER"
!!

...YOUR
NEED-
LESS
PRIDE,
I MEAN.



IF YOU
HAD...RID
YOURSELVES
OF IT, YOU
COULD HAVE
AT LEAST
PUT UP A BIT
OF A FIGHT
BEFORE HE
REACHED
THE GOAL.

YOU
REALLY
SHOULD
HAVE LET
GO OF IT.



I TOLD
YOU
ALREADY!
I'M
OUT!!

BUT
YOU'VE GOT
SOMETHING
YOU'VE BEEN
SAVING FOR
THE INTER-
HIGH, RIGHT??

IF YER
PLANNIN'
TO DO
SOMETHING,
YOU'D
BETTER
PULL IT OUT
NOW!

WE'VE
ONLY
GOT 100
METERS
LEFT!!

HOPELESS...
POINTLESS...

TO THE
INTER-
HIGH,
TOP OF ALL
PLACES...

COMING
HERE
UNPRE-
PARED.

HMPH.

WELL
THAT'S
ALL

TOH!

I'M
OUT...
BUT—

I'M
OUT TOO,
BUT—

AND RECK-
LESS...!!!

THE
THREE
WORDS
I HATE
MOST!!



LOSING
HERE
IS
JUST
OUT
OF THE
QUES-
TION!

高校
自転車部

EDUHOKEI





HARRRRRHH!!



WELL, THERE'S
NO HELPING IT
NOW... GARYT
LET HIM KNOW ALL
THE SPOTLIGHT
CAN BE... GUESS
I'LL GO TOO.

TOH.



TADPO-
LEGGY'S
KILLER

SLICIN'
MY PATH
THROUGH
THE
WIND...

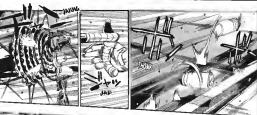
...TO
"ROCKET-
MAN
NARUKO"
!!

...WITH
MY
ROCKET
SPRINT
STYLE!!!



WH-
WHAT'S
WITH
THESE
TWO?

RIDE.81 TREMBLING IZUMIDA



**TAKE
A GOOD
LOOK!!**

**I REDUCE
MY WIND
RESISTANCE...**

**...AND
WEIGHT**

**...AND
I GO
STRAIGHT**

**AND
TOWARD
THE
FINISH
LINE!!**

RIDE.81 TREMBLING-IZUMIDA

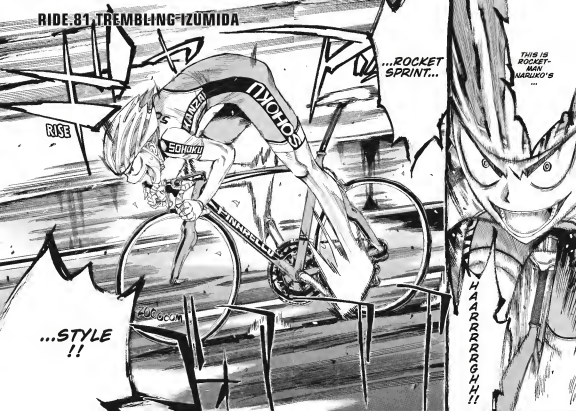
...ROCKET
SPRINT...

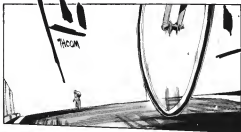
THIS IS
ROCKET-
MAN
NARUKO'S

RISE

...STYLE
!!

H A A R R R R R G H !!





THAT'S
HIS
FASTEST
SPEED
YET!!

...REDUCING
AIR WIND
RESISTANCE TO THE
ABSOLUTE MINIMUM...IT

...THEY ARE
TUCKED AND
JERKED INTO
AUG BENTON
TO MAKE IT THE
FAST AGAINST
AND WORK...

HE THREW
AWAY THE
WATER
BOTTLES TO
REDUCE HIS
WEIGHT.

UNWITTINGLY

WE USE
1400
METERS
TO THE
CHECK
POINT.

"TWO HUNDRED"
FIFTY METERS
TO THE CHECK
POINT. WHEN
REACHED THE
CHECK POINT
HE WAS
SECOND FASTER.

HE WAS
THE TRIAL
RACER!!

IT'S AS
IF HE'S
COMPETING
ON A FLAT
COURSE TO
ACHIEVE THE
ABSOLUTE
FASTEST
TIME
POSSIBLE!!



FWO!

TO
MEET
WITH
THE GUY!

...SO HE'S
TRYING
TO GO ALL
OUT!!

ALL
I'M
AFTER

ZOOOON



...IS HOW
FREAKIN'
FLASHY
AND COOL
I LOOK
GOIN'
AT TOP
SPEED!!





...IS
ON THE
MOVE
AS
WELL!!

THE SECOND
SHOKU
SPRINTER,
TADOKORO...

I'VE GOT
TO DEFEND
MY HONOR
AS A THIRD-
YEAR!!

CAN'T GO
LETTING SOME
FIRST-YEAR OR
SECOND-YEAR
TAKE THIS CHECK-
POINT, CAN I?

I WANTED TO
SAVE THIS FOR
LATER IN THE
RACE, BUT...!!

THIS
BROAD
CHEST OF
MINE...

...CONTAINS
BONES,
MUSCLES...

!?

DON'T...

...SO
THINKING
I'M JUST
SOME
WIND
BLOCK
FOR THE
RACE-
LINE...



...AND
MY
GIANT
LUNGS
!!



OXYGEN!!



THOOM



THAT
ISN'T
NORMAL!!



BUT MY
LUNG
CAPAC-
ITY...



A NORMAL
PERSON'S
LUNG
CAPACITY
IS AROUND
3,000-
4,000CC.



...IS
8,500
!!



...SUFFICIENT
OXYGEN!!



...IS
SUF-
FICIENT
ENERGY
AND...

WHEN
PLAYING
SPORTS,
WHAT YOUR
MUSCLES
NEED IN
ORDER TO
MOVE...



...AND
CHANGES
INTO
PHYSICAL
POWER!!

WHEN
THE ENERGY
TRANSPORTED
THROUGH YOUR
BLOOD VESSELS
COMES IN
CONTACT WITH
OXYGEN, IT
IGNITES...



AND WITH
IT, MY
MUSCLES
TURN THE
CRANK AND
PROPUL
MY BIKE
FORWARD!!



...
AND
...

SO I
CAN TAKE
EVERY
BITE OF
ENERGY I
CONSUME



BUT OXYGEN
DOESN'T
WORK THAT
WELL

YOU CAN
CRANK UP
MUCH ENERGY
DOWN YOUR
THROAT AS
YOU LIKE



...IGNITE
IT INTO
POWER!!



THAT'S WHY
ATHLETES
BUILD UP
THEIR
LUNG!!



...GEN!!



THAT'S
ARE-
SONA!!
TOTALLY
AWESOME,
OLD MAN!!

I
WON'T
LOSE
!!



QUIT
CALLING
ME
THAT!!



...IS
TADO-
KORO'S
KILLER
...

...
OXYGEN-
FUELED
SONIC-
SPEED
HUMAN
BULLET
!!!





I
APOLOGIZE.

...ARE
EXCELLENT
SPRINTERS!!

200 km/h



GO
HOME...

...FOR
TODAY...

...FINAL
400
METERS
TO THE
CHECK-
POINT...



...AND
YOUR
STRENGTH.



I ADMIRE
YOUR
PUSH...





...I know



...I know



COME
IT'S TIME
FOR US TO
WORK!
ANDY...
FRANK...
LET'S DO
THIS!!



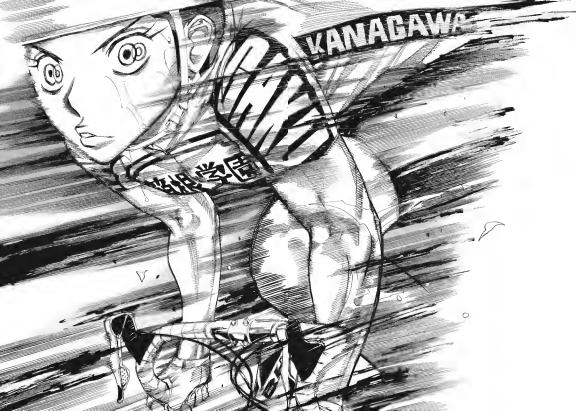
...WILL
RACE
ALL-OUT
AGAINST
YOU!!

箱根学園

AWA

RIDE.82 AWAKENING





HERE HE
COMES!!

EYE-
LASHES-
KUN !!

HE
FINALLY
TIPPED
UP HIS
JERSEY !!

ABS!!

ABS!
ABS!
ABS!
ABS!

ABS!
ABS!

RIDE.82
AWAKENING

ZOOOON





MY
RIGHT
PEC,
ANDY...

HE
SUPPORTS
MY CORE
AND
PUSHES MY
LUNGS TO
PROPEL ME
FORWARD!!

箱根 学園...IS
EXCLUSIVELY
AGGRESSIVE!!

BUT HE CAN
ALSO APPLY
PRESSURE
TO MY HEART
TO SEND
MORE BLOOD
THROUGH MY
BODY WHEN I
ACCELERATE!!
HE'S
CAUTIOUS,
YET BOLD!!

MEANWHILE,
[MY LEFT
PEC, FRANK,
I'M MORE
CAUTIOUS!!
HE SENSES
POTENTIAL
DANGERS.



**YES!! MY ENTIRE
BODY...**

**...HAS BEEN HONED
INTO A FINELY
SHARPENED
SPEAR!!**



**IT CAN RIDE
FASTER AND
STRONGER
THAN ANYONE!!**

ZOOOOOSH

**IT CAN GO
BAFFLE!! IT
CAN SLICE
IT'S WAY
THROUGH!!**

**AS I
AM NOW, I
COULD RIDE
DOWN A LINE
ONLY A FEW
MILLIMETERS
WIDE!!**



**MY BODY
MOVES
AS I
WILL IT!**

**ANDY...!
FRANK...!!**

**IT'S
PERFECT!**



...I HAVE ALWAYS ASPIRED TO!!

THIS IS THE KIND OF CYCLING...

YOU TWO DO YOUR WORK PERFECTLY!!

HOW-EVER!

YOU ARE BOTH EXCELLENT SPRINTERS!



YOU ARE STILL ONLY ORDINARY SPRINTERS!!



YOU ARE SUBLIME!!

...TO
300
METERS!!

FWOOM

ZOOM

WE'RE
DOWN...



THE FIRST CHECK-POINT... WILL GO TO ME!!

VICTORY IS MINE...

THE FIRST CHECK-POINT... WILL GO TO ME!!

VICTORY IS MINE...

...HOW?
IT COMES
DOWN
TO...

?



NO.

HE'S JUST A SKOSH ABOVE US!!



*...IS OUR
EMOTIONS!!*

HUFF!

総北高校
南五郎 中野健



SHOULD
ONE OF US
BLOCK THE
WIND FOR
THE OTHER
SO HE CAN
SAVE HIS
STRENGTH?

WHAT
!!?

WHAT
!!?

OLD
MAN!!



WHY
SHOULD
I COOPER-
ATE WITH
YOU?

YOU'RE
MY
OPPONENT
TOO!

YOU'RE
TALKING
CRAZY
!!



'KAY,
THEN

...

MY
BAD...JUST
WANTED
TO MAKE
SURE THAT
WAS HOW
YOU FELT!!

KEH
KEH
KEH
OF
COURSE
!!

IN
SHORT



...
WE'VE
JUST
GOTTA
STOP
THAT
GUY!!



...YX0000Y...

...GNNH!!



THOOM

YOUR
EXAC-
TIONS

...YOU
SAID

SPRINTERS
ARE
OFFER...



IF I AM
A LONG,
SHARP,
WELL-
POLISHED
SPEAR...

...COMPARED
TO SPEARS
.....!



THE
FIRST TO
REACH
OUR
GOAL...

FLIMSY
AND
DULL.

...YOU TWO
WOULD BE
SHORT, DIRTY
SPEARS.



...WILL
CERTAINLY
BE ME,
SADLY
FOR
YOU!



I'LL
BEAT...

CAN'T
SEE, I
AGREE...
WITH
YOUR
AUTO-
PILOT
THOUGHT.



AND
I'D BE...
A HEAVY
SPEAR...
THAT CAN
PIERCE PLATE
ARMOR...!!



I'D BE...
A BRIGHT-
RED...SUPER-
FLASHY
SPEAR...
I KNOW!



HEH
HEH!



...AS FOR
WHO'LL
REACH
OUR GOAL
FIRST....

AND
...



IT'LL
BE
ME!!

IT'S
GONNA
BE
ME!!



HUFF!

THAT
GUY'S
STILL...
RIDIN'
AHEAD
OF US!!

HUFF!

X-ONE



DAMN IT...THIS
GUY...!! EVEN
AFTER I GAVE IT
EVERYTHING I
HAD...!!

HUFF!
HUFF!

RIDE:03, LOSS



ABS!!







ASKIN' PEOPLE TO TALK ABOUT THEIR LOSSES AND THEN SMIRKIN' AT THEM!!

WHAT THE—? YOU'VE GOT A NASTY STREAK, OLD MAN!!

HOW 'BOUT YOU THEN, OLD MAN?!

DID YOU WIN YOUR FIRST-YEAR RACE?!

YOU TALK ABOUT LOSING A LOT OF RACES, BUT YOU NEVER WIN ANY!



GAH-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!!



I'VE...ALWAYS BEEN SMALLER THAN MOST PEOPLE.

SO I'VE HAD TO...WORK HARDER THAN MOST.



I...

...HAVE.



JUST ANSWER THE QUESTION!!





I CAME
IN DEAD
LAST!!

ZOOOSH

RUMBLE

七 高校
+++++

RIDE 83 LOSS





I'VE BEEN CYCLING SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL, BUT I EVEN GOT TO SCHOOL. THAT'S A COMPLETE BROTHER.

I CAME IN LAST.

IN THE FIRST-YEAR RACE UP MY NEIGHBORHOOD...

THERE IT GOING! I AM TO DROP OUT DURING THE RACE... THAT'S WHY.



ACHOO! IT WAS FUN AND GAMES FOR ME!

IT'S... NOT THAT BAD...



...WANT TO WIN.

I...



.... I CAN'T CLIMB...



I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN IT EVERYTHING I'VE GOT TO DO JUST—

TAKO-KORO!!



I'VE ALWAYS TRIED MY ABSOLUTE HARDEST!

I EVEN TRIED TO LOSE WEIGHT, BUT THAT JUST HELPED ME CLIMB WITHOUT CHANGING MY HEIGHT AT ALL!



I'M BIG-BONED AND MY BODY'S TOO BIG, SO I CAN'T CLIMB WELL, AND IF I CAN'T CLIMB WELL, I CAN'T WIN RACES.



IF YOU'RE
FINE WITH
LOSING,
THEN SUIT.

IF YOU
WANNA
WIN,
STAY.



KARAOKE...
SAY...

DECIDING TO
QUIT BECAUSE
YOU WANT TO
WIN DOESN'T
MAKE ANY
SENSE!!



ZOOOOSH

DOMINATE
THE FIELD!!

YOUR
SPECIALTY
IS SPRINTING,
RIGHT? SO TAKE
IT TO THE LIMIT.

IF YOU
CAN MASTER A
DIFFERENT AREA,
THEN YOU'RE FINE
BEING LOOPY AT
CLIMBING!!







PEDAL,
TADO-
KORO!!

C'MON
!!



PULL!
PULL!
PULL!
PULL!!

ALL
RIGHT!!

NOW
PULL!!



THEN LEAN
ALL YOUR
WEIGHT
FORWARD...

PULL THOSE
HANDLEBARS
TIL YOUR
FRONT WHEEL
RISES OFF
THE ROAD!!



YES,
SIR!

...SO
THAT IT
STAYS
ON THE
ROAD!



LOOKIN' GOOD
LOOKIN' GOOD
LOOKIN' GOOD

LOOKIN' GOOD
LOOKIN' GOOD
LOOKIN' GOOD

LOOKIN' GOOD
LOOKIN' GOOD
LOOKIN' GOOD



...TUTU
NEED ALIVE!
AND WE'VE
GOT 'EM.



IT'S
BETTER FOR
THEM TO TAKE
A STRAIGHT-
FORWARD
APPROACH.

SPONTANEOUS
ARE DEADLY
WEAPONS.

AND
ALSO...



WOW! WOW! IT
SEEMS...



...THE BOY
WAS MADE
MY BRIGHT-
THOUGHT!

THANKS...



I'LL HOLD
MY BREATH ON
TO HIM— JUST
KIDDING!

I KNOW
I THINK HE
WILL TELL
TOMMY HIM.



I DON'T
KNOW. ALTHOUGH
IT SEEMS ON
HIS HAND HE
THINKS...

DO YOU
THINK HE'LL
BECOME
A GOOD
BRANDER, TONY?



BECAUSE A
SPRINTER
WHO'S
NEVER
TASTED
DEFEAT...

...THAT'LL CHANGE
THE WAY HE SEES
EVERYTHING.

SO I'LL HAVE HIM
PUSH FOR THE FINISH
LINE EVEN IF HE GETS
DRENCHED AND DIRTY,
OR EVEN COLLAPSES.

HE'LL
PROBABLY
LOSE HIS
NEXT RACE
TOO.

AND PLENTY
MORE IN THE
FUTURE.



BUT ONCE YOU
DROST A LOSS, IT
CAN Propel YOU
FORWARD TOO...
AND THEN...

...ONCE HE
GAINS HIS
FIRST
VICTORY...

AND THEN...



I WON'T
LOSE,
YA
HEAR?

TSU-
MUCH...

I WON'T
LOSE.

H A H !

H A H !



BEING
DIRTY
...

YOU SAID
I WAS
A DIRTY
SPEAK...

HELL
YEAH,
I AM!

ARR!
ARR!
ARR!



...MEANS
I'VE
SEEN
REAL
BATTLE
!!

H A H !

H A H !



...CAN
NEVER
BECOME
TRULY
STRONG!!

...ARE
FAST!!

FWOOOOOM

GOTCHA,
TADOKORO-
SAN!!

LET'S GO,
NARUKO!!
PULL!!
PULL THOSE
HANDLE-
BARS!!

WE...

PULL!
PULL!
PULL!
PULL!!



RIDE.84 THREE-WAY BATTLE



RIDE.84 THREE-WAY BATTLE

2000CM

HAKONE
ACAD-
EMY'S
NUMBER
FIVE...

...AND
SOHOKU'S
OWN
TADOKORO-
SAN AND
NARUKO!!

JUST
250
ME-
TERS
LEFT !!

90
FAST!!

W H O A !!

THEY'RE
NECK-
AND-
NECK! LOOK!

TADOKORO!!

NARU-
KO-
KUN!!

YOU CAN
GO !!

SENPAI!!





WITH 250
METERS
REMAINING
...!?

THEY'VE
PULLED
LEVEL WITH
ME...!?





I AM A LONG,
POLISHED
SPEAR...WHILE
THEY ARE
SHORT, DIRTY
ONES.

THEY'RE BOTH
COMPLETELY
WORN OUT.

ARE THEY
JUST HANGING
ON/OUT OF
STUBBORNNESS
...?



...WHICH
OF US WILL
CROSS THE
FINISH LINE
FIRST!!

EVEN
A CHILD
COULD
FIGURE
OUT...



THEY
MUST
BE THE
TYPES
WHO'D
SAID
THAT!!

"YOU
NEVER
KNOW
WHAT
MIGHT
HAPPEN."

FWOOSH



I SEE...
"TO THE
BITTER
END,"
IS IT?

DESPITE
THAT,
THEY'RE
HANGING
ON TO ME
AGAIN?

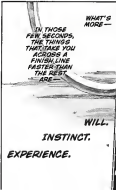


...THE
FINAL
250
METERS
ARE
WHERE
THE REAL
SPRINT
BATTLE
BEGINS!!

ABS!!



DURING
A RACE'S
SPRINT
STAGE...



IN THOSE
FEW SECONDS,
THE THINGS
THAT TAKE YOU
ACROSS A
FINISH LINE
FASTER THAN
THE REST
ARE—

WHAT'S
MORE—

CAN YOU
REALLY
DO THAT
WITH SUCH
WORN-OUT
BODIES!!?



YOUR COMPETITOR'S
MOVEMENTS...
THE CONDITION OF
THE ROAD...THE
DIRECTION OF THE
WIND...YOU MUST BE
ABLE TO MOVE BASED
ON SPLIT-SECOND
DECISIONS FACTORING
IN ALL OF THOSE
THINGS.

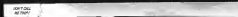
WILL.
INSTINCT.
EXPERIENCE.



IT'S A
STRATEGIC
BATTLE
FOUGHT IN
A SPAN OF
SECONDS!!









I DID
EVERYTHING
I POSSIBLY
COULD TO
BECOME A
WINNER.

THAT'S
ANOTHER...

BECAUSE
I WON'T FORGIVE
YOU! EVEN
THOUGH
I KNOW YOUR
CLAMPING.

Author: Katsuhiko Iwano



BUT IT
DIDN'T
PAY OFF.

OH
OF COURSE...
I CAN'T IN
JOKE.

Author: Katsuhiko Iwano



NO WAY!!
THAT DAY
I WAS...
I WAS OUT
FROM!!

NO—

IT TOOK
ME FIVE
WHOLE
YEARS
TO TASTE
VICTORY
FOR THE
FIRST
TIME—

THANK YOU,
IT'S YOUR
HAPPY
DAY!!

IT
WAS
YOUR
HAPPY
DAY!!

IS IT YOUR
HAPPY DAY
THAT DAY
HAPPY DAY
OF YOU?

IT
WAS
YOUR
HAPPY
DAY!!





I'VE
SEEN REAL
BATTLE...

...AND
NOW
I'VE...



...NOW
THE POTS
CONNECT...

IS
THAT...



...AND
NOW
I'VE...



OLD
MAN...

...BUT
MAYBE,
IT'S
REALLY...
THE WAY
YOU SAY
"IT IS."



UNTIL
NOW...

...I'VE
PRETENDED
- THAT I'D
NEVER
KNOWN
"DEFEAT"...



...OLD
MAN?

DOES THAT
MEAN I'VE
"SEEN REAL
BATTLE"...



...I'VE
SEEN A
CRAP-
LOAD
OF REAL
BATTLES
!!

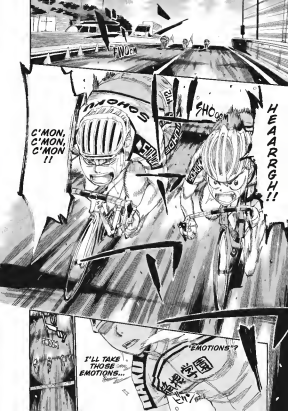
SORRY.
THE
TRUTH
IS...

THAT'S
HOW IT
SHOULD
BE!!



**OF
COURSE
NOT!!**

**NOW,
LET'S GO!!
DON'T
LET HIS
EMOTIONS
BEAT
YOURS!!**



C'MON,
C'MON,
C'MON!!

HEARRRRGH!!

I'LL TAKE
THOSE
EMOTIONS...

EMOTIONS??



...AND
TEAR
THEM TO
SHREDS!!



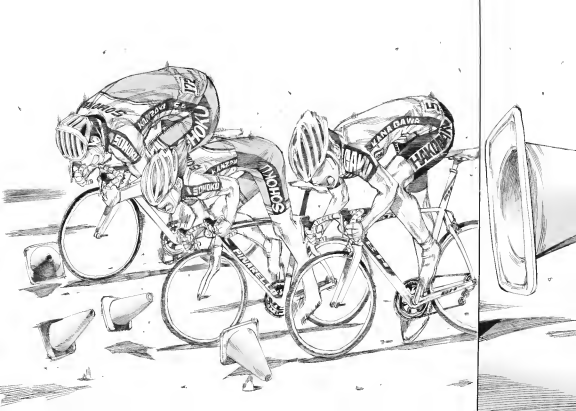
ABS!
ABS!
ABS!
ABS!
ABS!!

150
METERS
TO GO!!













RIDE.85 FAST SPRINTER

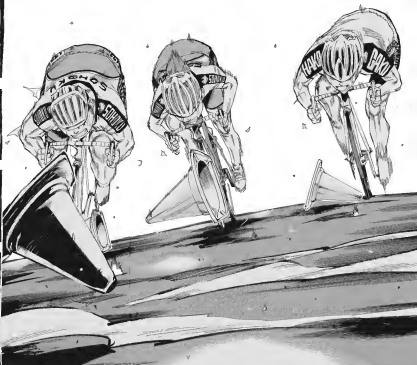


THE
CROSS-
WINDS...



...
KNOCKED
OVER THE
TRAFFIC
CONES—

...JUST
SO
MIGHTY
WIND...







IF I
WERE
TO RIDE
INTO
THAT
RIGHT
NOW...

SPRINTING
FOR THE
FINISH
LINE, I
MUST BE
GOING
ABOUT
50KM/H...

THERE'S
NO DOUBT.

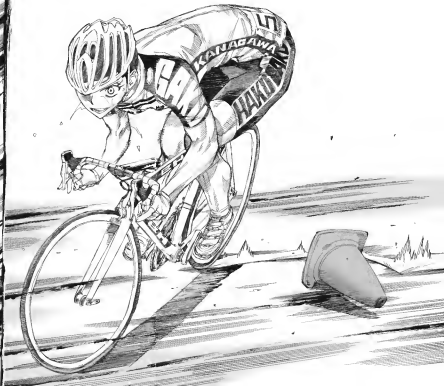


I'LL BE
THROWN
OFF MY
BIKE...





MY
REFLEXES!!





THANK
YOU,
ANDY AND
FRANK!!



THEY
RESPONDED
BRILLIANTLY!!

BRILLIANT...!!



I REALLY COULD RIDE
DOWN A LINE ONLY
MILLIMETERS WIDER!
I TRULY BELIEVE THAT...

...OF MY
CURRENT
PHYSICAL
CONDITION!!

I PULLED IT OFF
JUST THE WAY
I IMAGINED
IT!! I WASN'T
OFF BY EVEN A
MILLIMETER!!



SPRINTING
RACES ARE
WON BY
HUNDREDTHS
OF A SECOND.

JUST SEVENTY
METERS
SHY OF THE
CHECKPOINT!!

ANOTHER
MILLIMETER
WIDER... I WOULD
HAVE BEEN IN
RACE AT THE
FINISH!!



...AND
EVADED
THE
CONE!!

I HAD
NEARLY
NO
LOSS OF
CONTROL
AT ALL...



**YOU
WERE
PERFECT!!**

**ANDY!
FRANK!
YOU DID
YOUR WORK
PERFECTLY!!**

FWOOM

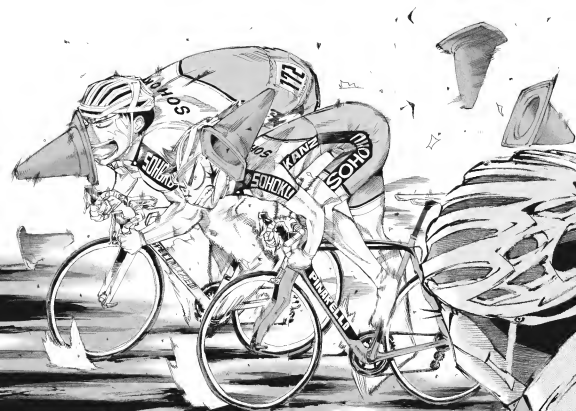


**...AAA-
ABS!!**

**...FOR YOU,
SOHOKU!!**

**BUT
IT'S
TOO
BAD...**

AAA...





**...THE
FASTEST!!**

**OUTTA
MY
WAY!!**

**C'MON,
C'MON,
C'MON!!**

**HAAA-
AARR-
RGHH!!**

SOHOKU

I'M...

I'M...



AND
YET,
YOU—

THERE WERE
CONES IN
THE ROAD.....
LEGITIMATE
CRASHING
HAZARDS,
RIGHT BEFORE
YOUR EYES...

THEY
RODE...

...STRAIGHT
THROUGH?



**YOU RODE
STRAIGHT
THROUGH
THEM!!!?**



G, M O N N N N !!

H A A R G H H !!



**...AND THEN
JUST KEPT
RIDING!!**

**AMAZING — I THE
TWO OF THEM
KNOCKED THE
CONES AWAY...**

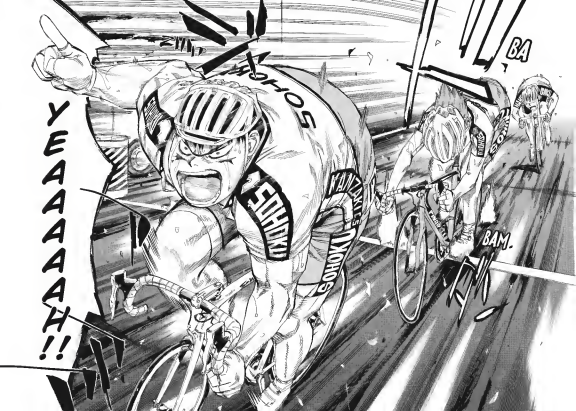
**NARUKO-
KUN!!**

**TADO-
KORO-
SAN!!
BRING
IT HOME
FOR US!!**

**TAKE
THE
FIRST
CHECK-
POINT!!**

Zoom

**THEY'RE
CROSSING
IT—!!**



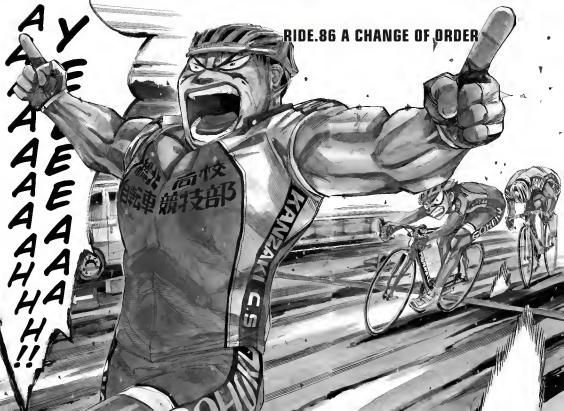
!!!!!!





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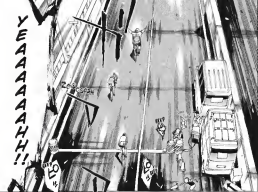
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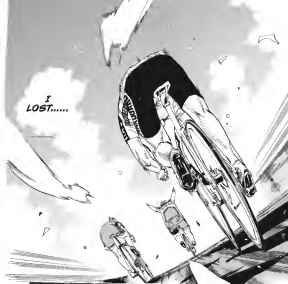


TADOKORO



YOWAMUSHI PEDAL





*I
LOST.....*



*ME, WHO
HAD HONED
HIMSELF TO
PERFECTION...*



First Checkpoint Rankings

by Tachibana - Sakata

1. 173 田所迅 from 博識生
tsukushi tsumoto - sakata

2. 174 鳴子章吉 aka 彼流生
nagashiro shunji - sakata academy

3. 5 泉田蒼一郎 aka 蒼一郎
izumioka sôichirô - sakata academy

4. 175 山田康之 aka 山田

THERE'S
A NARUKO
ON THEIR
TEAM...?

TADO-
KORO
AND
NARUKO!

CHEER

SOHOKU
FROM
CHIBATA!

THE
FIRST
CHECK-
POINT
WENT TO
SOHOKU
!!

WAIT,
HE'S A
FIRST-
YEART

FIRST
AND
SECOND
PLACE IT

YU
FOR
REAL
IT

HAKONE
ACAD-
EMY'S
IN THIRD
PLACE!!

WHOOOAAA!!

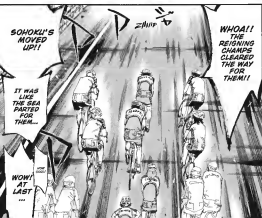
WHOOAAA!!

.....

WHOO









HOW DOES IT FEEL, RIDING AT THE HEAD OF THE PACK IN THE INTER-HIGH...

IT'S NOW SOHOKU FROM CHIBA!!

THOOM

...THE HEAD OF THE PACK HAS CHANGED!

...SMALL-ZUM?

PULLING FOR EVERYONE CONSIDERS SOMETHING, BUT...

...IT'S NOT A BAD FEELING.

IT'S ALWAYS QUIET RIDING IN FIRST PLACE.

HAKONE ACADEMY'S MOVED BACK!!

おお! WHOOO!!



...WAS
HARD-
FOUGHT
AND WON
FOR US
BY OUR
SPRINTERS
...

THIS
POSITION
...

...AFTER
ALL

I'M
SURE--
NO...

DID YOU
SEE THE
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN
THE DEPART
TIMES
EARLIER?
IT WAS
CLOSE.

I'M
RIGHT,
AREN'T
I?

TADO-
KORO-
GCHI...

--!!
NARUKO-
KUN!!

...TO
TAKE
THAT
CHECK-
POINT.

...THAT
THOSE TWO
PUT THEIR
PRIDE AS
SPRINTERS ON
THE LINE...

...AND
PEGGLED WITH
EVERYTHING
THEY HAD...











THOSE
ONES
RUINED
EVERY-
THING!



WHY
DIDN'T
YOU—?

THE FEW
SECONDS I LOST
POSSIBLY THAT
CAME—NO, IT
WASN'T EVEN A
FULL SECOND. IT
WAS JUST HALF-
SECONDS—



MAY I ASK
YOU ONE
QUESTION?

SORRY...
I JUST
CAN'T
FIGURE
IT OUT.



.....
SOHOKU.

NEVER
MIND!
I'M
TAKING
THAT
BACK!

JEES!
I'VE NEVER
HAD A LESS
LOVABLE
UNDER-
CLASSMAN!

YOU
ALREADY
GAVE IT
TO ME!
NO TAKE-
BACKS!!

GIVE
IT!

I'M
DRINKIN'
IT ALL!
THANKS
FOR THE
WATER!

IS
THAT
ALL?

WHY,
YOU
LITTLE
—



...TRY TO
AVOID THE
CONES WHEN
THE BIRD
BLAST THEM
AT US?

WHY
DIDN'T
YOU...



IT WAS
BECAUSE —



!!
BUT YOU
COULD HAVE
CRASHED!

LOSE
TI—

...I DIDN'T
WANT TO
LOSE TIME.

THAT'S
WHY

HE
KNOWS

IF
YOU'D
RUSHED
OVER
THEM...

YOU WERE
LUCKY
THEY FLEW
FORWARD.





**WORRY
ABOUT THAT
WHEN IT
HAPPENS.**

**...YOU
WOULD
HAVE BEEN
THROWN
FROM YOUR
BIKES!**



IZUMIDA.

**THEN
WHY
—?**

**BUT HE HAS
A POINT. HE
COULD'VE
GOTTEN KILT
PRETTY BAD IF
HE'D FALLEN
BACK THERE.**

**YOU
SEE...**

TRUE.



**I FEEL
PRECISELY
THE SAME —**

**...FROM THE START
GATE, RIGHT TO THE
FINISH LINE, THERE'S A
SIMPLE RULE EVERYONE
FOLLOWS—RACE FOR
THE TOP SPOT, AS
FOR ME...**

**...I JUST
WANNA
RIDE THE
FASTEST.**



THAT'S
WHY...



THERE'S NO
SET METHOD
FOR SECURING
A WIN.



BUT
UNFORTUNATELY,
THERE ARE NO
RULES TO BEING
"FASTEST."



...I SEEK OUT
VICTORY WITH
ALL MY BODY
AND SOUL!!



WHETHER
I HAVE
TO EAT
DIRT OR
CHEW ON
SAND...



...NO
MATTER
WHAT
SITUATION
I'M IN, I'M
ALWAYS
SEARCHING
FOR
VICTORY.



...IS
SOME-
THING I
LEARNED
...

...AFTER
COUNTLESS
VICTORIES AND
DEFEATS!!



VICTORY
DOESN'T
JUST FALL
IN YOUR
LAP!

TAMT...

BUT WHAT
YOU SAID ABOUT
"TRAINING
ONLY FOR THE
INTER-HIGH"...

NATURALLY
YOU DID WELL
IN THE FEW
KANTO-AREA
RACES YOU
ENTERED AS
A WARM-UP
FOR THIS.

BUT AS
A RESULT...

THERE'S
NO DOUBT
YOU'RE
FAST OVER-
WHELMINGLY
FAST.

HONESTLY,
YOU MADE
ME THINK
MULTIPLE TIMES
TODAY THAT
I COULDN'T
WIN.

YOU
SAID YOU'VE
TRAINED
YOURSELF
HARD.



YOU SPENT
TWO MONTHS
TIME JUST
POLISHING
YOUR
"RAZOR-
POINTED
SPEAR."

...YOU HAVEN'T
EXPERIENCED
NEARLY
ENOUGH
VICTORIES
AND
DEFEATS!!

AS YOU SAID,
I OVERWHELMED
YOU BOTH. MY
LOSS HERE
RESULTED ONLY
BECAUSE YOU
TWO HAPPENED
TO DECIDE NOT
TO DODGE THE
CONCEPT.

MY ANDY —
I MEAN, MY
BODY HAS
BEEN HONED
TO PERFECTION!
MY CYCLING IS
FLAWLESS!

IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
SAY ALL THAT,
ALLOW ME
TO DEFEND
MYSELF!



THAT'S NOT EXACTLY TRUE.

"JUST BY CHANCE," YOU SAY...

"JUST BY CHANCE," YOU SAY...



**IT WAS
ALL
JUST BY
CHANCE!!**



...AND FLEW
RIGHT AT US.
WHAT WENT
THROUGH
YOUR MIND?

WHEN
THOSE
GUNS
BLEW
OVER...

...AND FLEW
RIGHT AT US.
WHAT WENT
THROUGH
YOUR MIND?



SOMETHING LIKE, "DANGER—I'LL FALL," IS GET?



**BUT
AS FOR
ME —**



WE
THOUGHT,
"I THINK
I CAN
DO THIS"
—!!



...AND
REST
WELL.

...TAKE
A LITTLE
TIME
NOW...



YOU
TWO DID
YOUR
WORK
FLAW-
LESSLY.





YES.

YOU
WE'LL BE
ENTERING THE
MOUNTAINS
SOON.



WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

THE TOP
SPRINTERS
WHO RODE
AHEAD ARE
COMING BACK
NOW...



BUT JUST
KNOW THAT
YOU WON'T
HAVE TIME
TO SWAP WAR
STORIES
WHEN THEY
GET BACK.



HUH?



MARINO-
KORI'S COMING
BACK? AND
TAKKORO-
SAN TOO?

YES, SINCE
WE ENTER
THE MOUNTAINS.

THAT'S
GOING!



THE
SPRINTERS
HAVE
DONE
THEIR
JOB.

SO
THEY'RE
FALLING
BACK TO THE
PELOTON TO
REST THEIR
LEGS.

WE SHOULD
BE CATCHING
UP TO
TAKKOROSAN
AND MARINO
PRETTY SOON
TOO.



I TOLD
YOU, WE'RE
ENTERING
THE
MOUNTAINS



ピラミッド山
FINOCCIO



THAT'S
WHERE
WE, THE
CLIMBERS,
ARE GONNA
DO OUR
WORK!!



Translation Notes

Common Honorifics

-san The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

-kun Used most often when referring to boys; this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

-chan An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

-sensei A suffix used to address apprentices or more experienced co-workers.

no honorific Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.

A kilometer is approximately 0.6 of a mile.

PAGE 9

Hakogaku The phrase (present on all Hokone Academy uniforms) is a shortened version of the school's name in Japanese (Hokone Gakko).

PAGE 13

Hakone A town located in a mountainous area of Kanagawa Prefecture; it's popular among tourists for its scenic views and hot springs.

Peleton A cycling term for the "pack," or the main group of riders in a race.

PAGE 14

Shimane A prefecture in the Chugoku region of Japan; it has no relation to China, which is also called Chugoku in Japanese. Shimane is located along the sea of Japan, and is home to the country's oldest shrine, Iwami Gotoh.

PAGE 57

Uphill road(s) Saks-mach means "hilly road."

PAGE 61

Kyoto Former capital of Japan located in the Kansai region. It is known for its plethora of traditional Japanese architecture, having come out of World War II relatively unscathed.

PAGE 68

Yuuzeumi In the Japanese version, Midouzu calls Imitsumi "Yuuzeumi," playing off of the Japanese word for work (yuuzei).

PAGE 77

Nawo-cumi This time, in the Japanese version, Midouzu refers to Imitsumi as "Nawo-cumi." Nawo means soft or now.

PAGE 79

Gion: Midousey uses the term *juku* in the Japanese version, which means “assorted vegetables for *suikyo* hot pot.” It refers to the rest of Kyoto-Fushimi being there to serve Midousey.

PAGE 124

Tour: The Tour de France, the most famous bicycle racing event in the world.

Giro: The Giro d'Italia. Located in Italy, it is one of the three most prestigious, largest bicycle racing events in the world along with the Tour de France and the Vuelta a España.

PAGE 163

Kanazawa: Located in the Hokuriku region in the northwestern part of Japan's main island. Like Kyoto, Kanazawa preserved most of its traditional architecture by avoiding heavy damage during World War II.

PAGE 208

Chiba: A prefecture in the Kantō region of Japan. Chiba has both long stretches of mountains and large areas of flat plains and is known for having mild summers and winters.

PAGE 371

Fumiyuki Boppo: A Japanese professional bicycle racer who was on Team SKI Shimano from 2008–2009. Since 2014, he has been on Team Trek Factory Racing.

Team SKI Shimano: A professional German cycling team. Its name has changed numerous times. As of 2017, it is known as Team SaxoBank.

Yukiya Arashiro: Two-time winner of the Japanese National Road Race Championships. Arashiro was on Team BBan Bouygues Telecom from 2009–2015, and as of 2017 is on Team Bahrain-Merida.

Team BBan Bouygues Telecom: Originally named Bouygues, this particular name was used from 2009–2010. The team is currently known as Team Direct Énergie.

Contador: Alberto Contador, a Spanish professional cyclist who was the fifth person to ever win cycling's triple crown—the Tour de France (2007), the Giro d'Italia (2008), and the Vuelta a España (2008).

Andy and Fränk Schleck: Brothers and former professional cyclists from Luxembourg.

Evens: Cadel Evans, an Australian former professional cyclist and winner of the 2011 Tour de France.

Cancellari: Fabian Cancellari, a former Swiss road bicycle racer who won the opening stage of the Tour de France five times.

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*Read on for a sneak
peek of Volume 6,
available August 2017!*

RIDE.87 HAKONE



RIDE.87 HAKONE



MT.
HAKONE!!



SAKAMICHI



YOWAMUSHI PEDAL









KEH
KEH
KEH
!!

NUMBER
1034!!

GAH-HA-HAI
I DID IT,
KIN-JOU!!

YEAH
!!



LOOK AT
YOU, PULLING
THE ENTIRE
PELOTON!
NICE,
IMAIJUN!!

THANK
YOU.



WOW
!!

WE
DOMINATED
THAT
EYEGLASSER
BUT FROM
NARU-KO
ACADEMY!

REALITY

TADOKORO-
CCHIII—!!

ハ
ッ
ッ

THOUM

NARU-
KO-
KUN!!

ズ
ッ

ッ



WELL, THAT SAID, HOTSHOT — THE OLD MAN HERE HAD TO PUSH HIMSELF PRETTY HARD.

GAH-HA-HA-HA!
YOU'RE ONLY NOTICING NOW?
I'M A TOP CONTENDER, YA KNOW?!

GOOD WORK, YOU REALLY ARE... AMAZING.

SHAMELESS!
YOU WERE THE ONE STRAGGLING BACK THERE!



THAT INDICATES OUR LOSSES FROM LAST YEAR A LITTLE, AT LEAST.

YOU REALLY DID IT?!

GAH-HA-HA-HA!

NARUKO KUN...



I REALLY AM A STEP AHEAD OF HOTSHOT HERE, HAH IT?

AND THEIR JERSEYS ARE ALL MESSED UP TOO...

TADOKORO SAYS
COMPLETELY DRENCHED IN SWEAT.

OKU

SAKAKI C.S.

...FOR
THE
TEAM.

THEY
RODE
THAT
HARD...

CLENCH
HARD?

SHIMADA

高木 高木
高木 高木



OH!
MAN...

...WHAT A
SIGHT, RIDING
AT THE HEAD
OF THE ENTIRE
PELOTON.



IT'S THANKS TO
YOU TWO—YOU
DID YOUR JOB
AND WON US
THE RIGHT TO
RIDE HERE!!



YES!!

IT
REALLY
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